Implementation of Central schemes

4145. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Central schemes implemented by her Ministry for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been shifted to the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) how Government would ensure that the funds allocated under these schemes for development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are not diverted for other work by the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBALAKSHMI JAGADEESAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Powers to National Commission for Scheduled Castes

4146. SHRI C. PERUMAL : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Commission for Scheduled Castes has no powers to punish the guilty in respect of cases heard by them;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to vest the commission with suitable powers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBALAKSHMI JAGADEESAN) : (a) to (d) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) has been set up under Article 338 of the Constitution with the specific duties and powers as indicated under clause (5) and (8) respectively. In connection with investigation of any matter or while inquiring into any complaint as given in clause (8), the Commission have all the powers of civil court trying a suit. The Commission is, thus, vested with adequate and sufficient powers to perform its functions.

Schemes for economic development of SCs/STs

4147. SHRI SANJAY RAUT : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are of the opinion that by only reserving certain percentage of jobs in Government and Semi-Government organizations it